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PURSUANT TO C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98

Sir:

Applicants, in order to meet their duty of disclosure, set forth at 37 C.F.R. §1.56, submit herewith those references which they deem relevant to the claims of the present application.

The relevant references are as follows:

1. JP 8-323133 A (to Nippon Steel Corporation)

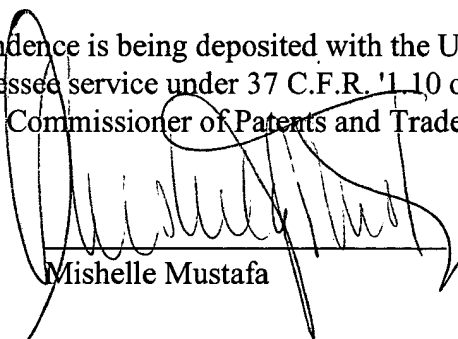
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2. U.S. Patent No. 5,965,786 (to Rostaing, et al.)
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,028,452 (to Beatty)
4. JP 11-156144 A (to Mitsubishi Heavy Ind., Ltd.)

The first three references identified above were cited in the International Search Report which was issued in connection with the subject application's international (PCT) counterpart. A copy of the International Search Report (together with its English translation) is being submitted as well. The submission of the English version of the Search Report satisfies the requirements of a concise explanation of relevance under C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(3), in accordance with the Notice of the Commissioner dated January 9, 1992, as reported in 1135 OG 13,14 (1992), with respect to reference (1) identified above which is in the Japanese language.

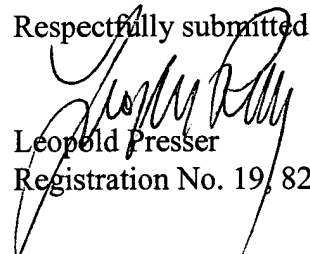
It is further noted that with respect to reference (4), an English abstract is being submitted as well.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-mentioned references be made of record in the file of the present application. To that end, applicants submit herewith the aforementioned references and the completed Form PTO-1449, setting forth these references.

Applicants submit that the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 with regards to the subject application. Therefore, no Declaration or fee is required to the effect the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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